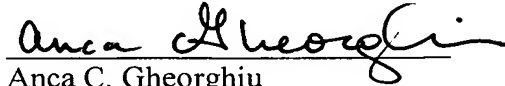


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claim 8 has been amended. Claim 14 has been added.

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